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TAGS: PGOV BQG
SUBJ: PROSECUTION OF LORENZ CASE

REF: BONN 13155 AND PREVIOUS

1. DURING CALL ON GOV MAYOR STOBBE AUGUST 12,
AMBASSADOR STOESSEL RAISED MATTER OF PROSECUTION OF
LORENZ CASE IN BERLIN WITH OBSERVATION THAT ALLIES
WOULD PREFER TO HAVE THE TRIAL HANDLED TO GREATEST
EXTENT POSSIBLE AS A BERLIN TRIAL. STOBBE FULLY
AGREED. HE WENT ON TO TELL THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE
HAD BEEN TAKEN COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE BY ARTICLES IN
PRESS LATE JULY TO THE EFFECT THAT THE FEDERAL
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IN KARLSRUHE PLANNED TO DIRECT THE
CASE AND THAT THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR GEHARD REBMANN
MIGHT PERSONALLY APPEAR AT THE TRIAL TO LEAD SOME OF
THE INTERROGATION. STOBBE SAID THAT ONLY TWO DAYS
PRIOR TO THE FIRST PRESS STORIES HE HAD ATTEMPTED TO
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DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH REBMANN BUT REBMANN HAD
INDICATED TO STOBBE AT THAT TIME THAT DECISION ON THE
PROSECUTION OF THE LORENZ CASE WAS STILL SOME TIME OFF.

2. STOBBE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD ALL
THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR'S ATTEMPTING
TO DIRECT THE CASE HIMSELF. THE LORENZ CASE, STOBBE

OBSERVED, OFFERED A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF HOW BERLIN'S
TIES WITH THE FRG COULD BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT STIRRING
UP MAJOR POLITICAL CONTROVERSIES: ON THE ONE HAND ONE
MUST INSIST ON PRESERVING THE FORM OF BERLIN'S AND THE
WEST'S LEGAL POSITION, BUT AT THE SAME TIME ONE MUST
BE PRAGMATIC AND ACT IN A POLITICALLY FLEXIBLE MANNER.
FOR HIS PART, THEREFORE, STOBBE FELT THE
TRIAL SHOULD BE DIRECTED BY THE LOCAL BERLIN OFFICE OF
THE FEDERAL PROSECUTOR. THIS WOULD MEET FRG LEGAL
REQUIREMENTS, WHILE AVOIDING POLITICAL CONFLICTS. GEORGE

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